

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Application No. 10/784,790

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected. Claim 5 is allowed. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-4 and 6 in order to secure immediate allowance of the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

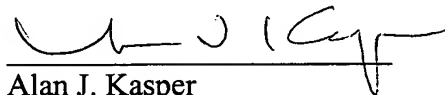
Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ito (5,407,318) in view of Kato (5,372,475). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the claims.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ito (5,407,318) and Kato (5,372,475) as applied to claim 3 and further in view of Yu (5,762,469). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the claim.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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